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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR PDIP NO
SUBJ: NORWAY NAMES NEW AMBASSADOR TO SOVIET UNION

1. THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO TEL AVIV (ALSO ACCREDITED TO NICOSIA), MR. PETTER GRAVER, HAS BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW. BORN IN 1920, AMBASSADOR GRAVER JOINED THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1947 AND HAS SERVED IN GENOA, RIO DE JANEIRO, PARIS (FIRST SECRETARY, 1956,) NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE 1958-59, FOREIGN MINISTRY, OSLO 1959, MOSCOW AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY 1961-64, CHIEF OF DIVISION AND LATER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, 1965-69, AND CHIEF OF NORWEGIAN MISSION IN BERLIN FROM 1969 UNTIL HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL IN 1971.

2. DURING THE 1965-69 PERIOD OF HIS SERVICE IN OSLO, GRAVER WAS WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY STAFF AS STAUNCHLY CONFIDENTIAL

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PRO-AMERICAN AND PRO-NATO; HER SERVED AS NORWEGIAN REP

ON ATLANTIC POLITICAL ADVISERS GROUP (APAG). GRAVER ENJOYS THE REPUTATION OF A PERceptive, CAPABLE, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT DIPLOMAT WITH A FINE APPRECIATION OF THE "REALITIES" OF DEALING WITH THE SOVIETS. ALTHOUGH UNDERSTANDING AND HELPFUL TO AMERICANS, HE IS REPORTEDLY AN INDEPENDENT THINKER AND A SKILLFUL, TENACIOUS ADVOCATE OF THE NORWEGIAN POSITION. BOTH AMBASSADOR GRAVER AND HIS WIFE SPEAK ENGLISH; HE IS BILINGUAL, HIS WIFE FLUENT.

3. TEL AVIV OR WASHINGTON MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON GRAVER.

4. REPORTEDLY PRESENT MOSCOW AMBASSADOR FRITHJOF JACOBSEN WILL LEAVE IN MARCH TO HEAD NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON.
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